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TO USMTM DHAHRAN

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FOLLWING SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE APR 2, 1975 FROM JIDDA
REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE S E C R E T JIDDA 2376

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DEPT PASS DOD AND USMTM DHAHRAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, OVIP, SA, US (BROWN/CLEMENTS)

SUBJECT: THE BROWN/CLEMENTS VISIT

REF JIDDA 2198

1. ON APRIL 1 THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE VISIT OF GENERAL BROWN AND MR. CLEMENTS WITH PRINCE FAHD, MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. FAHD SAID THE SAUDIS WOULD, OF COURSE, PREFER A VISIT AT A LATER TIME AS THEY WERE OVERWHELMED WITH FOREIGN PROTOCOL VISITS THEY COULD NOT AVOID. NONTHELESS, THE CLEMENTS/BROWN VISIT HAD BEEN SCHEDULED; THE SAUDIS VERY MUCH WANTED THEM TO COME, AND THEY UNDERSTOOD HOW DIFFICULT IT WOULD BE TO POSTPONE THEIR TRAVEL. THEY SUGGESTED APRIL 8-10, ARRIVING IN THE MORNING OF APRIL 8 AND LEAVING EITHER THE EVENING OF APRIL 9 OR THE MORNING OF APRIL 10TH.

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2. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE MEN PLAN TO ARRIVE JIDDA APRIL 7TH;
AFTER MEETING WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS THEY COULD LEAVE EARLY THE FOLLOWING MORNING FOR RIYADH. IT IS UNLIKELY THE FIRST MEETING WOULD BE SCHEDULED BEFORE 10 O'CLOCK.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THE SAUDIS WISH URGENTLY TO KNOW THE NAMES OF THE PRINCIPALS AND THE ACCOMPANYING PARTY. THE HOTEL SITUATION IN BOTH RIYADH AND JIDDA IS EXTREMELY TIGHT AND ALTHOUGH THE SAUDIS WILL BE ABLE TO PUT UP SOME OF THE PARTY IN THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE'S GUEST HOUSE, THEY MAY HAVE TO CLEAR ROOMS IN THE LOCAL HOTELS IF THE PARTY IS LARGE.

4. THE SAUDIS ARE PREPARING AN AGENDA FOR THE MEETINGS WHICH THEY WILL DISCUSS WITH US ON SATURDAY, APRIL 5. THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED AT THAT TIME OF THE MATTERS MR. CLEMENTS AND GENERAL BROWN WISH TO RAISE.
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